(c) what action Government have taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes Sir, Govt. of NCT of Delhi has informed that the requirement of providing admission to students of weaker section of society is upto 25% which varies from school to school in accordance with conditions of allotment of land to such schools subject to minimum of 20%.

(b) There are 144 such schools.

(c) DDA has issued show cause notices to some of these schools for cancellation of their allotment of land.

Admission of backward classes in private schools

†641. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the policy regarding admission of twenty per cent children belonging to backward classes in the private schools after the order of the Delhi High Court in this regard:

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government are considering any effective steps at the national level; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. However, orders of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi were for providing 25% admission to students of weaker sections of society in private schools which have been allotted land on concessional rates. In this context, Govt.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

of NCT of Delhi has informed that they had issued directions to such schools in view of the Hon'ble Court's order. DDA has initiated an action in this regard and has already issued show cause notice to some of the schools asking them to explain as to why allotment of land to these schools should not be cancelled.

(c) and (d) Government have not taken any view in the matter at national level.

Increase in seats in colleges

†642. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the gap between the number of students getting admission in the colleges of Delhi for higher education and the number of students seeking admission in these colleges has been increasing continuously during last few years;

(b) if so, the average annual difference during last three years; and

(c) the annual rate of increase in the seats in these colleges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) According to the information furnished by the University of Delhi, about 1,08,000 students have applied for admission to the undergraduate courses in various colleges of the University during the current academic session. Though there are only 43,321 seats in these colleges, the remaining students have the option of being enrolled in the non-formal stream, which has an intake capacity of more than 70,000 students. There is no difference between formal and non-formal streams in terms of curriculum and the degrees awarded.